

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement in paragraph 1 of the Restriction Requirement mailed December 23, 2004, applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1 – 5, 45–47, 50–51, 67–70, 80–83, 91–97, 105–111, 117–119, 125–187, 204–206, 221–228. (Applicants notes that claims 221–228 were also listed as being included in Group II, which applicants submit was in error.) In response to the restriction requirement in paragraph 4, applicants elect the species of Group C, which is identified in the Office Action as pertaining to Figures 5–9 and 13. The species of Group C pertains to forming a given size armature with increased power by molding plastic to at least partially encase the magnet wires in plastic where the magnet wires are larger than smaller magnet wires used in an armature of that given size where the magnet wires are not at least partially encased in plastic. The claims of Group I readable on the species of Group C include claims 141, 143, 145-148, 152-155, 158-159, 161, 165, 167, 169 and 173. However, since claims 152-155 depend from withdrawn claims, they too are being withdrawn pending allowance of a generic claim.

Applicants have made minor amendments to claims 141 and 158 for readability purposes and submit that they have not been narrowed. Applicants have also amended the dependency of claims 161, 165, 169 and 173 so that they depend from elected claims and not claims that have been withdrawn.

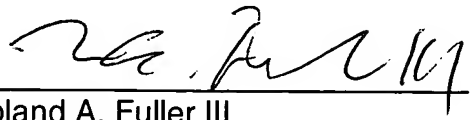
Applicants make this election without traverse but without prejudice to represent any withdrawn claim upon allowance of a generic claim.

Applicants have added claims directed to a method of making an electric motor and method of making a power tool that include the limitations of certain of the broadest of the elected claims.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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